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Applicant : Mary Lynne Hedley et al.      Art Unit : 1632  
Serial No. : 09/664,225      Examiner : Dave Nguyen  
Filed : September 18, 2000  
Title : NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING POLYEPITOPE POLYPEPTIDES

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicants ask that all claims be allowed in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 15 pages.

Enclosed is a check for excess claims fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 08191-013001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 16, 2003

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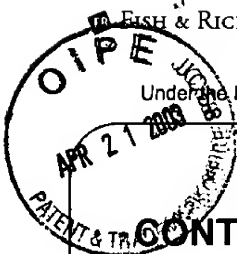
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	D. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	08191-013001

## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
  - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 375 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**A check for \$72 is attached.**

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